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SUBJ: GRZ FOREIGN MINISTER WAVESHIS FINGER AT FOREIGN MISSION(S)

IN HIS NEW YEAR'S GREETING

REF: (A) LUSAKA 3381 (NOTAL) (B) LUSAKA 2274 (NOTAL)

(C) GABORONE 0001 (77) (NOTAL)

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1. IN A NEW YEAR'S EVE STATEMENT ISSUED DECEMBER 30, GRZ FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE WARNED FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES IN LUSAKA TO STOP USING ZAMBIA AS A VERBAL BATTLEGROUND FOR ATTACKING ONE ANOTHER. DIPLOMATS WERE REMINDED TO CONFINE THEIR REMARKS AT DIPLOMATIC RECEPTIONS TO TOASTS ONLY. THE MINISTER ALSO NOTED THAT SOME DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES WERE UNDER-CONFIDENTIAL

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TAKING TRIPS BEYOND THE GRZ'S FORTY KILOMETER LIMIT FROM LUSAKA WITHOUT PROVIDING MFA APPROPRIATE NOTICE. IN SOME CASES SUCH UNAUTHORIZED TRIPS WERE BEING MADE IN CARS WITH PRIVATE LICENSE PLATES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH GRZ AND UNIP OFFICIALS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH HIS MINISTRY. IN CONCLUSION HE WISHED FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR AND LOOKED FORWARD TO CLOSER WORKING RELATIONS WITH

THEM IN THE COMING YEAR. END UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT: THE LOCAL CONSENSUS, SUPPORTED BY COMMENTS BY THE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MFA, IS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE'S REMARKS WERE DIRECTLY AIMED AT SOVIET AMBASSADOR SOLODONIVKOV'S DECEMBER 18 PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL A) AND AN EARLIER PUBLIC SPEECH CRITICISING THE US-UK INITIATIVE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (REFTEL B). HE MAY ALSO HAVE HAD IN MIND A LENGTHY TOAST AT THE YUGOSLAVIA NATIONAL DAY WHICH WAS HIGHLY POLITICAL IN NATURE AND IMPLIED CRITICISM OF THE WEST. MFA AMERICAN DIRECTOR MPENGUELA REMARKED TO EMBOFF THAT MWALE HAD SPOKEN OUT PUBLICLY IN THIS REGARD BECAUSE THE OFFENDING REMARKS HAD BEEN CARRIED IN THE LOCAL MEDIA. WHETHER SOLODONIVKOV ACTED ON INSTRUCTION OR NOT, HIS VENTURE INTO PUBLIC PRESSURE TACTICS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY UNSUCCESSFUL. BOTSWANA RESPONDED BY IMPORTING CHINESE ARMS (REFTEL C) AND ZAMBIA BY REBUKING HIM. LOW

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